

Remarks/Requirement for Election

Overview

Claims 1-40 remain in the application. The Examiner has required an election of species and subspecies. Claims 1-11, 13, 16, 18, 19 and 23-40 have been withdrawn.

Election of Species and Subspecies

The Examiner has required an election to one species from groups A, B, C, and D:

Varying Oscillations of the Wash Chamber

- A. oscillating by time-varying oscillations (claims 1-11)
- B. oscillating by speed varying oscillations (claims 12-24)
- C. oscillating and pausing by time-varying pauses (claims 25-32)
- D. oscillating by stroke angle-varying oscillations (claims 33-40)

Applicants elect Species B without traverse, claims 12-24 reading thereon. Having elected Species B, oscillating by speed-varying oscillations, the Examiner further required one election from each of subspecies V, VI and VII:

If B. selected, elect one from each subspecies:

- V. Angle of Rotation – Speed Varying Oscillations
 - a. remains fixed throughout the wash cycle (claim 13)
 - b. varies throughout the wash cycle (claim 14)

VI. Length of Pause – Speed Varying Oscillations

- a. identical (claim 16)
- b. varies (claim 17)

VII. Speed of Rotation – Speed Varying Oscillations

- a. changes at specific fixed time intervals (claim 18)
- b. changes at varying time intervals (claim 19)
- c. varies randomly (claims 20-21)
- d. varies according to a predetermined pattern (claim 22)
- e. changes upon occurrence of a specific event (claims 23-24)

First, Applicants elect subspecies V.b, claim 14 reading thereon. Additionally, Applicants elect subspecies VI.b, claims 15 and 17 reading thereon. Finally, Applicants elect subspecies VII.c, claims 20-21 reading thereon. The elections of subspecies are made without traverse. Applicants note that when all the claims directed to the elected invention are in condition for allowance, the non-elected subspecies claims should be considered for rejoinder. Nonelected claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable base claim will be rejoined.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, please consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1660.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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